

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates i.a. to nucleic acids encoding novel *Lawsonia intracellularis* proteins. It furthermore relates to DNA fragments, recombinant DNA molecules and live recombinant carriers comprising these sequences. Also it relates to host cells comprising such nucleic acids, DNA fragments, recombinant DNA molecules and live recombinant carriers. Moreover, the invention relates to proteins encoded by these nucleotide sequences and to their use for the manufacturing of vaccines. The invention also relates to vaccines for combating *Lawsonia intracellularis* infections and methods for the preparation thereof. Finally the invention relates to diagnostic tests for the detection of *Lawsonia intracellularis* antigens and of antibodies against *Lawsonia intracellularis*.